Please type a plus sign (+) inside this box →

PTO/SB/08A (08-00)

Approved for use through 10/31/2002, OMB 0651-0031

TRADE U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

	Substitute for form 1449A/PTO		Complete if Known			
	Substitute for to) 1 44 5	AF10	Application Number	09/890,910	
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE				Filing Date	August 2, 2001	
STATEMENT BY APPLICANT		First Named Inventor	Takeshi Natsuno			
OTATEMENT DI ATTEIOANT				Group Art Unit	2876	
(use as many sheets as necessary)		Examiner Name	Edwyn Labaze			
Sheet	1	of	2	Attorney Docket Number	9683/91	
<u> </u>		1 0.		U.C. DATENT DOCUMENTS		

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

		U.S. Patent D	ocument		Date of Dublication of	Pages, Columns, Lines,
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Number	Kind Code ² (if known)	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY	Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
th	1	4,857,716		Gombrich et al.	08/1989	
EZ	2	5,497,411		Pellerin	03/05/1996	
22	3	5,541,985		Ishii et al.	07/1996	
12	4	5,583,918		Nakagawa	12/10/1996	
22	5	5,809,432	•	Yamashita	9/1998	
EZ	6	5,580,440		Hannon et al.	12/1998	
22	7	5,943,624		Fox et al.	08/24/1999	
EZ.	8	6,012,634	,	Brogan et al.	01/11/2000	
EZ	9	6,029,887		Furuhashi et al.	02/29/2000	
EZ	10	6,029,892		Miyake	02/2000	
EZ	11	6,035,216		Cheng et al.	03/2000	
2	12	6,070,148		Mori et al.	05/2000	
EZ	13	6,142,369		Jonstomer	11/2000	
EL	14	6,164,989	,	Glad et al.	12/2000	`
12	15	6,170,745		Schilling	01/2001	
tz	16	6,250,557		Forslund et al.	06/2001	
EZ	17	6,259,409		Fulton et al.	7/2001	
EL	18	6,321,980		Yazumi et al.	11/2001	
EZ	19	6,394,341		Makipaa et al.	05/2002	
EV	20	6,425,522		Matsumoto et al.	07/2002	
EL	21	6,454,164		Wakabayashi et al	9/2002	

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

		Fore	eign Patent Docume	ent			Pages, Columns, Lines,	
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. 1	Office ³	Kind 0 Number ⁴ (if kno	Code ⁶ own)	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY	Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T 6
12	22	wo	99/09502			02/25/1999		
E2	23	WO	96/02890			02/01/1996		
EZ	24	EP	0 095 968			10/20/1999		
62 62	25	EΡ	0820 178			01/21/1998		
EZ	26	JP	H11-18158			01/22/1999		
EZ	27	JP	3051748			06/17/1998		

					
EXAMINER		(./	DATE	colordor	1
SIGNATURE	Lawn	labare	CONSIDERED	×/21/04	

^{*}EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹ Unique citation designation number. ² See attached Kinds of U.S. Patent Documents. ³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. ⁶ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

FEB 2 6 2004 15

Substitute for form 14457	, r 10
INFORMATION DISC STATEMENT BY APP	

(use as many sheets as necessary)

of

Sheet

(2)	Complete if Known	
Application Number	09/890,910	
Fluraudate	August 2, 2001	
First Named Inventor	Takeshi Natsuno	
Group Art Unit	2876	
Examiner Name	Edwyn Labaze	
Attorney Docket Number	9683/91	

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

		Fore	eign Patent Document	·		Pages, Columns, Lines,	
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. 1	Office ³	Kind Code ⁵ Number ⁴ (if known)	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY	Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T 6
EZ	28	JP	10-143570	Miyake	05/29/1998		
22	29	EP	0843290A2	Miyake	05/20/1998		
EZ	30	JP	10-232897	Masuda et al.	02/18/1997		X
FI	31	JP	H9-261359		10/03/1997		
EZ	32	JP	H8-279025		10/22/1996		
12	33	JP	H8-153248		06/11/1996		
#2	34	JP	H8-16740		01/191996		
EZ	35	JP	H6-121075		04/28/1994		

OTHER PRIOR ART - NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. 1	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTES), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.	T²
EZ	36	Nikkei Digital Money Systems, No. 54, Nikkei Business Publications, Inc., November 15, 1999, p. 5 and its partial translation	Х
	/	·	
	/		

EXAMINER			DATE CONSIDERED	
FVVIAIIIAFIA		/ /	DATE CONSIDERED	11/2 1/20c
CICNATURE	Mush-	laba TE		8/2/1/1/
SIGNATURE	Zun	(4)		701/01

^{*}EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹ Unique citation designation number. ² See attached Kinds of U.S. Patent Documents. ³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. ⁶ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

P E JOJO SE TRIBETA

Please type a plus sign (+) inside this box →

PTO/SB/08A (08-00)
Approved for use through 10/31/2002, OMB 0651-0031
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

		Complete if Known
Substitute for form 1449A/PTO	Application Number	09/890,910
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE	Filing Date	August 2, 2001
,	First Named Inventor	Takeshi Natşuno
STATEMENT BY APPLICANT	Group Art Unit	9817 25 6
(use as many sheets as necessary)	Examiner Name	Edwyn Labaze
Sheet 1 of 1	Attorney Docket Number	9683/91

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

				O.O. I AILIN DOCUMENTO		
		U.S. Patent Document			Date of Publication of	Pages, Columns, Lines,
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. 1		nd Code ² (if known)	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY	Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
. /						

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

		Foreign Patent Document		Foreign Patent Document		Pages, Columns, Lines,		
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. 1	Office ³		Code 5	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY	Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T ⁶
a	1	JP	10-232897	,	Hidehiro Masuda et al.	02-18-1997		X
•/								
/								

OTHER PRIOR ART - NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. 1	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTES), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.	T²
•			
-/			
7			

EXAMINER	(1) 0 01	DATE	C-lail.	Ţ
	Edufu Casare	00110105050	8/2/////	,
SIGNATURE	any war consider	CONSIDERED	7-707	
		· ·-· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		

^{*}EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹ Unique citation designation number. ² See attached Kinds of U.S. Patent Documents. ³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. ⁶ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

Please type a plus sign (+) inside this box →

PTO/SB/08A (08-00)
Approved for use through 10/31/2002, OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO			Complete if Known		
			Application Number	09/890,910	
INEO	RMATION DIS	CLOSUPE	Filing Date	August 2, 2001	
			First Named Inventor	Takeshi Natsuno	
SIAI	EMENT BY A	PPLICANI	Group Art Unit	9817	
(use as many sheets as necessary)		Examiner Name	Edwyn Labaze		
Sheet	Sheet 1 of 1		Attorney Docket Number	9683/91	

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

		U.S. Patent Doc			I	Pages, Columns, Lines,
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. 1		id Code ²	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY	Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
	_					
/					 	

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

		Fore	ign Patent Docum	nent			Pages, Columns, Lines,	
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. 1	Office ³		Code ⁵	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY	Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	Τ°
42	1	JP	10-143570		Miyake	05-29-1998		
Er	2	EP	0843290A2		Miyake	05-20-1998		
				_				

OTHER PRIOR ART - NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. 1	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTES), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.	T²
	3 .	Nikkei Digital Money Systems, No. 54, Nikkei Business Publications, Inc., November 15, 1999, p. 5 and its partial translation	Х
			

EVAMINED	-1	15475	, ,	
EVAMINEK	5h 1 11-	DATE	a/21/011	
SIGNATURE	lawful labare	CONSIDERED	0/4/04	
				

^{*}EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹ Unique citation designation number. ² See attached Kinds of U.S. Patent Documents. ³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. ⁶ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.